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- 1. AT THE BEHEST OF TEL AVIV AND NEA, TEL AVIV AND BAGHDAD ARE NOW BEING INCLUDED AS A RECIPIENT OF INR'S INTSUM, EFFECTIVE TODAY. THE INTSUM, WHICH APPEARS EACH WORKING DAY, IS AN EFFORT TO PROVIDE MORE EXTENSIVE COVERAGE OF MIDDLE EAST DEVELOPMENTS TO SELECTED POSTS WITH RESPONSIBILITIES IN THAT AREA.
- 2. THE INTSUM WAS ESTABLISHED IN FEBRUARY 1976 AS A MEANS OF PROVIDING INTELLIGENCE SUPPORT TO THE NEWLY CREATED SINAI FIELD MISSION, WHICH ACQUIRED CERTAIN MONITORING RESPONSIBILITIES UNDER THE SINAI II AGREEMENT. IT IS IMPORTANT FOR THE NEW ADDRESSEES TO APPRECIATE THAT THE INTSUM WAS DESIGNED AND DEVELOPED TO FILL THAT BASIC NEED. THE CABLE REFLECTS PRIMARILY RAW INTELLIGENCE PRODUCTS, ON A WIDE RANGE OF TIMELY DEVELOPMENTS AND TOPICS IN THE SECRET

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MIDDLE EAST. THE INTSUM IS NOT INTENDED TO BE A NEWS DIGEST OR A CHRONICLE OF ALL SIGNIFICANT EVENTS. NEITHER IS IT A STATEMENT OF US POLICY, AND ITS CONTENTS ARE NOT NECESSARILY CLEARED WITH THE GEOGRAPHIC BUREAUS WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT. UNLESS INCORPORATED INTO A BROADER ANALYTICAL TREATMENT, NEWS ITEMS AS SUCH (FBIS, WIRE

SERVICES, NEWSPAPER ARTICLES) AND TELEGRAMS FROM US MISSIONS ARE NOT NORMALLY USED.

3. SINCE SENSITIVE INTELLIGENCE SOURCES ARE OFTEN INVOLVED, IT WOULD BE APPRECIATED IF THIS DAILY CABLE IS HANDLED DISCREETLY AND DISTRIBUTION LIMITED TO THOSE WITH A NEED TO SEE IT. VANCE

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